

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office action, restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 USC § 121:

- I. Claims 1-12, drawn to an article with a cobalt-phosphorous-boron coating.
- II. Claims 13-44, drawn to a bath and method of plating cobalt-phosphorous-boron coatings.

Election/Restrictions

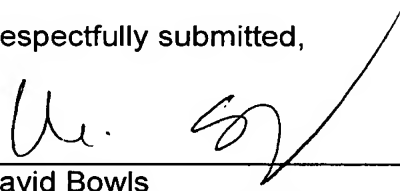
Applicants provisionally elect without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group II, claims 13-44, without prejudice to further prosecution of the remaining claims.

CONCLUSION

In the event the examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact the attorney at the telephone number identified below.

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